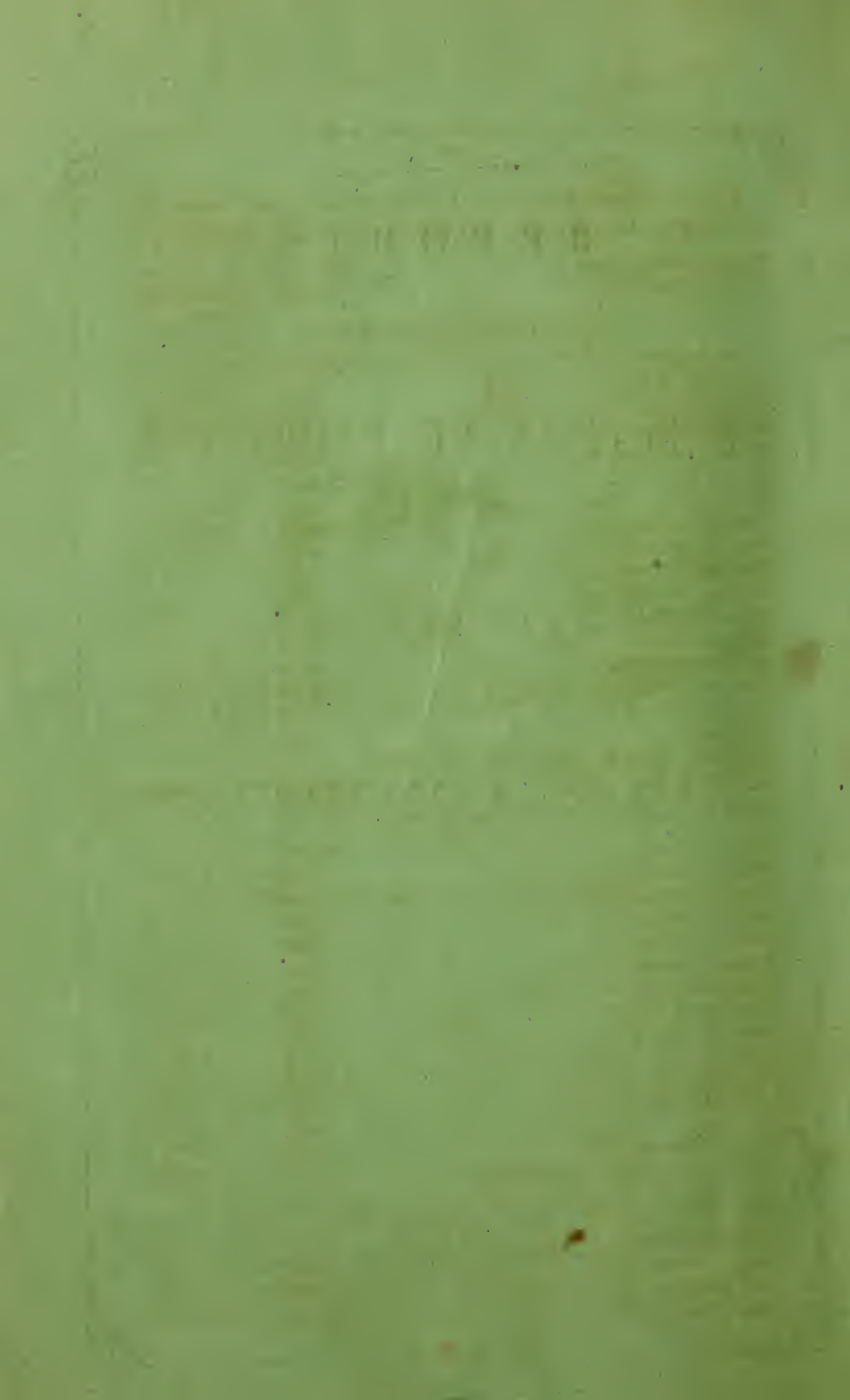


REPORTS
OF THE
SELECTMEN OF FAIRHAVEN,
ON THE
FINANCIAL AFFAIRS OF THE TOWN;
AND OF THE
SCHOOL COMMITTEE,

For the Year ending March 25, 1863.

NEW BEDFORD:
EVENING STANDARD STEAM PRINTING HOUSE.
1863.



There remains unpaid of the expenses of the town on the 20th of March, 1863, as near as can be ascertained:

Outstanding orders,	\$218.55	
Outstanding bills,	800.00	\$1,018.55

REPAIRS OF HIGHWAYS.

Order in favor of JONATHAN COWEN, for payment to

Asaph P. Taber,	8.12	
Hiram Eaton,	1.00	
Henry Jenney,	3.56	
G. & S.-E. Stevens,	5.62	
Enos Pope,	4.00	
Job Wilcox,	15.19	
Dennis Parker,	3.75	
Paul Hathaway,	4.37	
William P. Sullings,	7.65	
William A. Tripp,	3.75	
Robert Parker,	1.25	
Sylvanus Skiff,	3.12	
Andrew Spooner,	3.50	
Reuben Austin,	2.50	
Alonzo Hill,	1.12	
Luther Cole,	.20	
Jonathan Cowen, team, and cash paid		
labor, &c.,	38.75	107.45

Order in favor of SETH ALDEN, for payment to

Stephen Pope,	\$4.75	
Seth A. Mitchell,	1.75	
Henry Brownell,	1.25	
Beriah Austin,	11.00	
Ebenezer Alden,	7.00	
Reuben Austin,	7.00	
Henry Jenney,	2.50	
William Eldridge,	2.50	
James M. Hall,	4.00	
Philip Reed,	1.75	
David Wood,	4.00	
Allen Durfee,	2.87	
Lot Besse,	5.00	
Dennis Moranville,	1.25	
Seth Alden, team, stone, &c.,	29.35	85.97

Order in favor of W. J. LAWTON, for payment to

Matthew Howard,	\$6.50	
Jabez Howard,	6.50	
Levi Blossom,	6.80	
Henry Aikin,	11.50	

Thomas Delano,	\$6.50	
Seth Stevens,	11.50	
Charles Blossom,	2.50	
Allen Bumpus,	2.50	
Elisha Hammond,	2.50	
Isaac Hathaway,	5.00	
Silvanus Skiff,	5.00	
Joseph King,	2.50	
Ellis Mendell,	2.50	
William Howard,	2.75	
Allen Brownell,	4.50	
Benjamin Tripp,	4.50	
Dennis Stevens,	4.50	
Charles Bryant,	3.88	
Welcome J. Lawton,	32.12	
Edward Dillingham,	5.00	
W. J. Lawton,	.88	\$129.93

Order in favor of WILLIAM A. SPOONER, for payment to

William A. Spooner, town farm,	\$133.28	
Squire Stevens,	8.75	
Andrew Wilcox,	4.37	
Dennis Parker,	1.00	
James Tripp,	8.75	
Ebenezer Tripp,	8.75	164.90

Order in favor of DAVID HOWE, for payment to

P. Hutchins,	.33	
Samuel Hamblin,	1.71	
James Macdonald,	3.50	
J. R. Howland,	38.70	
Abner Howard,	5.75	
B. Beetle,	.75	
David Howe,	44.05	
John Currin,	6.30	
J. R. Lawrence,	24.98	
Alfred Delano, Jr.,	17.00	
William C. Ford,	34.65	
Henry Brownell,	8.65	
William Alden,	2.50	
Ira Gerrish,	.80	
William Dwelly,	20.66	
Thomas Butler,	.90	
Patrick Sweeny,	2.50	
George Wilcox,	2.05	
Joseph Dwelly,	2.50	
David Wood,	2.00	
Rufus A. Dunham,	.53	
Nathan Lawton,	.80	

Phoenix Hall Co.,	\$1.80	
Henry Caswell,	1.00	\$224.41
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		\$712.66
Balance carried to new account,		317.63
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		\$1,030.29

Credits.

By balance of old account,	\$22.54	
By annual appropriation,	1,000.00	
By amount received for dirt sold,	7.75	\$1,030.29

SUPPORT OF PUBLIC SCHOOLS.**High School.**

Albert Hale, teacher,	\$788.60	
M. L. Farwell, teacher,	328.13	
Joseph F. Church, care,	9.00	
George Taylor, care,	18.92	
A. G. Ryder, fuel,	.95	
Tripp & Bourne, repairs,	.75	
George Miller, repairs,	.50	
Fish, Robinson & Co., fuel,	58.86	\$1,205.73

District No. 1.

Ellen P. Hamlin, teacher,	81.00	
E. S. Clifford, teacher,	171.00	
A. W. Spooner, fuel,	10.54	
G. Kendrick, fuel,	10.12	272.66

District No. 2.

Martha L. Winslow, teacher,	93.50	
Jane G. Allen, teacher,	63.00	
A. D. Bourne, repairs,	1.50	
E. Sawin, fuel,	5.50	
Joseph B. Taber, fuel,	2.54	
Fish, Robinson & Co., fuel,	24.00	
Warren W. Allen, care,	7.00	197.04

District No. 3.

A. H. Snow, teacher,	184.00	
S. S. Swift & Co., fuel,	2.75	
Elisha S. Whiting, care,	8.00	
Fish, Robinson & Co., fuel,	12.00	206.75

District No. 4.

Charles E. E. Mosher, teacher,	400.50	
Lois Deane, teacher,	163.00	
M. A. Fairfield,	160.00	
Amanda Clark, teacher,	144.00	
Adeline Grinnell, teacher,	13.50	
Jane Grinnell, teacher,	10.50	

Annie A. Grinnell, teacher,	152.00	
Ellen P. Hamlin, teacher,	130.50	
S. E. Millet, teacher,	144.00	
Millie S. Eldridge, teacher,	112.00	
Amelia A. Luscomb, teacher,	101.50	
A. G. Ryder, fuel,	13.26	
Church & Freeborn, fuel,	6.00	
Fish, Robinson & Co., fuel,	76.50	
Hardy Hitch, care,	2.00	
Edward Hitch, care,	1.30	
Henry F. Grinnell, care,	18.10	
Thomas H. Jones, care,	4.00	
Henry D. Taylor, care,	13.15	
Abner A. Howland, care,	6.28	
John Sweeney, care,	6.65	
E. A. Bates, care,	12.09	
C. Butler and W. W. Cowin, care,	11.30	1,702.13

District No. 5.

E. Delano, teacher,	72.00	
W. V. West, teacher,	105.00	
Watson Jenney, fuel,	6.26	
Asaph P. Taber, fuel,	5.84	
Seth F. Jenney, fuel,	2.51	191.61

District No. 6.

Asenath P. Taber, teacher,	64.00	
Jabez T. Howard, fuel,	14.49	78.49

District No. 7.

Kate A. Jenney, teacher,	82.00	
Sarah D. Besse, teacher,	12.00	
Franklin Tobey, fuel,	14.60	108.60

\$3,963.01

Balance to new account, 506.90

\$4,469.91*Credits.*

By balance of old account,	\$1,355.62	
By annual appropriation,	3,000.00	
By amount received from State,	114.29	\$4,469.91

SUPPORT OF THE POOR.

Orders drawn for support of poor in and out of alms-house for 1862 and 1863,	\$233.50
Town of Taunton,	66.42
State Lunatic Hospital,	222.68
Town of Middleborough,	8.00
City of New Bedford,	360.93
S. S. Swift & Co., supplies,	246.77

S. H. Hall, supplies,	\$108.72	
L. S. Judd, supplies,	122.20	
Job M. Terry, supplies,	98.00	
F. M. Fuller, supplies,	186.28	
Joseph B. Taber, supplies,	525.79	
A. P. Wilcox, supplies,	24.05	
William H. Packard, supplies,	60.01	
Rufus Allen, supplies,	141.76	
Alfred Nye, Jr. supplies,	218.30	
John R. Davis, supplies,	47.53	
Jonathan Cowin, fuel,	16.12	
Est. B. Taber, fuel,	13.75	
Assignees Delano & Co., fuel,	7.58	
Ellis Mendell, fuel,	2.69	
Asaph P. Taber, fuel,	10.00	
E. Sawin, trustees, fuel,	13.75	
Henry F. Howard, fuel,	2.00	
J. H. Perry & Co., fuel,	3.00	
Fish, Robinson & Co.,	133.08	
F. R. Whitwell, Jr., fuel,	12.50	
E. P. Haskell, fuel,	12.85	
Moses H. Delano, fuel,	10.71	
R. A. West,	2.76	
John L. Delano, fuel,	1.50	
Allen Russell, fuel,	10.06	
George M. Eddy, supplies,	2.10	
E. R. Almy, supplies,	21.17	
J. W. Braley, supplies,	58.00	
H. W. Richmond, medicine,	4.68	
James I. Church, medicine,	3.50	
Andrew W. Spooner, labor,	7.12	
Fairhaven railroad, fares for poor,	8.00	
Coggeshall & Co., undertakers,	23.00	
R. Bisbee, repairs,	.66	
R. M. Simmons, repairs,	9.25	
William Wilcox, lumber,	4.08	
John E. Almy, hardware,	6.00	
Charles Shaw, dressing,	15.00	
Willard Eldred, dressing,	11.16	
Alexander Tripp, rent,	20.00	
Drusilla C. Wilson, nurse,	2.50	
Susan Dorman, nurse,	6.00	
Elisha Hammond, board,	86.75	
Alva K. Bower, board,	26.00	
H. E. Warren, physician,	16.00	
Jabez Taber, bill of 1857,	51.00	
William A. Spooner, services,	362.50	3,667.76
Balance to new account,		176.38
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		\$3,844.14

Credits.

By balance of old account,	\$2.64	
By annual appropriation,	3,200.00	
By cash of William A. Spooner,	230.48	
By cash of town of Rochester,	11.00	
By cash of town of Middleborough,	2.16	
By cash of town of Acushnet,	76.54	
By cash of town of Mattapoisett,	78.60	
By cash of city of New Bedford,	16.99	
By cash of Henry Tobey,	25.00	
By cash of F. Perry,	51.25	
By cash of Hannah Parker,	3.00	
By cash of David and Hiram Saunders,	146.48	\$3,844.14
Due from town of Acushnet,	92.27	
Due from town of Nantucket,	57.57	
Due from town of Dartmouth,	72.64	
Due from town of Rochester,	18.75	
Due from town of Westport,	14.00	
Due from town of Freetown,	9.95	
Due from town of Marion,	42.00	
Due from town of Lakeville,	2.85	
Due from town of Harwich,	37.25	
Due from city of New Bedford,	32.10	\$379.48

INCIDENTAL ACCOUNT.

Fire Department.

Engine company No. 3,	\$590.82	
Engine company No. 5,	421.67	
Edward Eldridge, labor,	1.00	
George Miller, fuel,	1.00	
Willard R. Eldred, repairs,	12.66	
Aaron Savery, repairs,	8.47	
J. A. Warner, care,	7.60	
Seth S. Swift & Co., fluid,	.80	
A. G. Liscomb, halyards,	3.00	
Savory & Eldred, shed,	57.21	
N. S. Higgins, lumber gear,	30.00	
Purrington & Taber, painting,	6.08	
Joseph B. Taber, Jr., horse,	1.00	
Luther Cole, blacksmithing,	7.97	
J. B. Bisbee, stove and pipe,	9.47	
James I Church, supplies,	1.50	
F. M. Fuller, supplies,	2.78	
William C. Ford, horse,	1.50	
Thomas C. Allen, hose,	4.70	
Fish, Robinson & Co., fuel,	12.00	
Joseph B. Taber, supplies,	4.33	\$1,185.56

Salaries.

Selectmen —			
Bartholomew Taber,	\$125.00		
Jonathan Cowin,	70.00	195.00	
Overseers of Poor —			
Bartholomew Taber,	40.00		
Jonathan Cowin,	55.00	95.00	
Assessors —			
Job C. Tripp,	67.00		
George H. Taber,	52.00		
Seth Alden,	33.00	152.00	
School Committee —			
Charles Drew,	60.00		
Job C. Tripp,	57.00		
Jonathan Cowin,	10.00	127.00	
Firewards —			
Willard R. Eldred,	10.00		
William M. Irish,	10.00		
William H. Hoeg,	10.00	30.00	
Constables —			
Albert G. Liscomb,	21.00		
Alonzo Hill,	6.00	27.00	
Committee on Accounts —			
J. C. Tripp, making out accounts 1861-2,	10.00		
Town Clerk, Treasurer and Collector —			
Tucker Damon, Jr.,		400.00	
Register —			
Tucker Damon, Jr.,		21.80	\$1,057.80

War Expenses.

Bounties paid 44 nine months' volunteers,	\$4,350.00	
Bounties paid 57 three years' volunteers,	11,750.00	
State aid furnished families of volunteers,	2,004.62	
B. Taber and others, travelling expenses,	29.39	
George Atwood, examination,	65.00	
J. C. Tripp, enrolling militia, &c ,	40.40	\$18,189.41

Town Debt.

Paid note in favor of Fairhaven Savings Institution,	\$500.00	
Paid note in favor of Fairhaven Savings Institution,	1,500.00	
Paid note in favor of Sarah A. Butler,	1,500.00	
Paid note in favor of Emerson Briggs,	4,000.00	
Paid note in favor of Fairhaven Savings Institution,	3,000.00	
Paid note in favor of Fairhaven Bank,	2,000.00	\$12,500.00

Paid interest to Fairhaven Bank,	31.00	
Paid interest to Fairhaven Savings Inst'n,	1,007.92	
Paid interest to Sarah A. Butler,	90.00	
Paid interest to Abner Pease's estate,	245.10	
Paid interest to Emerson Briggs,	252 00	
Paid interest to Elisha Babcock,	25.92	
Paid interest to Rufus Allen,	60.00	1,711.94
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		\$14,211.94

Incidentals.

Town of Acushnet, taxes,	\$194.31
Mrs. Watterson, cleaning,	15.75
J. S. Tillinghast, insurance,	18.00
Jas. S. Church, labor,	14.50
Charles Taber & Co., books,	39.96
Warren Reed, labor,	.50
E. Anthony, printing and advertising,	99.25
Heirs of John Allen's estate, land rent,	10.00
Purrington Taber, high school,	8.24
Henry Wadsworth, high school,	11.85
H. W. Richmond, chemicals,	4.62
F. R. Whitwell's estate, claim on B.	
Hathaway house,	75.00
J. B. Taber, claim on B. Hathaway house,	101.35
O. Prescott, legal services,	9.80
Marshall Briggs, high school,	9.81
L. S. Judd, high school,	2.03
Fessenden & Baker, printing and advertising,	36.25
School District No. 1, taxes,	78.87
Hervey Caswell, repairing town pump,	1.42
Noble Gelett, loss of sheep,	17.00
John Kehew, high school,	1.62
B. Taber, stamps and stationery,	4.85
E. Sawin, rent,	20.00
A. G. Liscomb, home and coast guard,	3.00
Ira Gerrish, home and coast guard,	2.00
Phoenix Hall, home and coast guard, rent	
1861,	114.00
Raymond & Webb, repairing town pump,	.25
J. C. Tripp, stamps, &c.,	1.24
Chas. Drew, stamps, &c.,	1.62
R. A. Dunham & Co., horse hire,	11.00
T. Damon, Jr., office expenses,	12.48
B. Taber and others, expense before fish-	
ery committee,	12.78
Phoenix Hall, office rent,	68.75

A. D. Stoddard, storage,	2.00	
J. B. Bisbee, repairs,	4.63	
	<u>1,008.73</u>	
Taxes remitted,	1,295.12	
Abatement of taxes for prompt payment,	1,367.26	3,671.11
		<u>38,315.82</u>
Amount overdrawn to 1862,		3,683.31
		<u>\$41,999.13</u>

Credits.

By annual appropriation,	\$6,000.00
By appropriation for liquidating town debt,	6,000.00
By loan from Charlotte Haskins,	2,100.00
By loan from Fairhaven Bank,	2,000.00
By loan from O. Nye & S. P. Alden, ex- ecutors,	9,000.00
By loan from Phineas E. Terry,	3,500.00
By loan from Silas P. Alden,	400.00
By loan from Louisa B. Corwin,	400.00
By loan from Betsey Hiller,	580.00
By loan from O. Prescott & B. Taber, as- signees,	1,000.00
By loan from Sarah Slade,	700.00
By loan from Elizabeth Pope,	500.00
By loan from Lucia R. Winsor,	2,000.00
By loan from Andrew P. Jenney,	1,000.00
By loan from Joseph Pope,	500.00
By loan from Henry Aiken,	500.00
By loan from Abner Pease estate,	1,000.00
By cash from commonwealth for state aid,	25.56
By cash from A. P. Willcox for books sold,	164.19
By cash for dog licenses,	97.00
By cash old hose, paper, and maps sold,	36.48
By cash for auctioneer license,	2.00
By assessment for school books,	143.29
By overlay on taxes,	1,146.53
	<u>\$38,795.05</u>

Amount overdrawn in 1861 and 1862,	3,683.31		
Less unexpended of appro- priations for 1862 and 1863,	479.23	3,204.08	\$41,999.13

RECAPITULATION.

Repairs of highways,	712.66	
Less cash received,	7.75	
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Support of schools,	3,963.01	
Less cash received from State,	114.29	
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Support of Poor,	3,667.76	
Less cash received,	641.50	
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INCIDENTAL ACCOUNT.

Fire Department,	\$1,185.56	
Salaries,	1,057.80	
War expenses,	18,189.41	
Town debt and interest,	14,211.94	
Incidentals,	3,671.11	
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Deduct cash received,	325.23	
Assessment for school books,	143.29	
Overlay on taxes,	1,146.53	
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Total amount paid out,		\$44,280.66
Add balances carried to new accounts,		1,480.14
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		\$45,760.80

Credits.

By amount of annual appropriations,	\$19,200.00
By amount of loans,	25,180.00
By balances from old accounts,	1,380.80.80
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	\$45,760.80

TOWN DEBT.

Loan of Fairhaven Institution for Savings,	\$15,300.00
Loan of individuals,	28,697.00
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	\$43,997.00

SCHEDULE OF TOWN PROPERTY.

Town farm, stock and furniture,	\$5,500.00
High school house and lot,	3,000.00
Engine house and lot, Oxford Village,	700.00
Engine house and lot, village,	800.00
Town house lot,	150.00
Watch house and lot,	600.00
Engine No. 3,	2,000.00
Engine No. 5,	1,000.00
Two old engines,	200.00
Iron safe in town clerk's office,	200.00
Claim on Bradford Hathaway's house,	347.75
Nineteen twenty-thirds of 28 shares Fairhaven Bank stock, \$80 per share,	1,850.00
Lamp posts and lanterns,	500.00
Muskets, uniforms and equipments,	350.00
Claim vs. State for aid furnished families of volunteers,	2,146.70
Claim vs. U. S. government for enrolling militia,	40.40
Claim vs. towns for support of poor, (see poor account)	379.48
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	\$19,764.33

TOWN LIQUOR AGENCY.

Stock and cash on hand March 26, 1862,	422.92
Profit on sales from March 26, 1862, to March 16, 1863,	74.17
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	\$497.09

Credits.

By stock and balance (as cash) on hand,	406.13
By government license,	20.00
By salary of agent,	70.96
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	\$497.09

SCHOOL BOOK AGENCY.

Books on hand received of Charles Drew,	118.12
Books on hand received of C. Taber & Co.,	32.35
Amount received in 1862 and 1863,	314.56
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	\$465.03

Credits.

By books on hand received of Charles Drew,	81.87
By books on hand received of C. Taber & Co., and others,	98.22
By cash paid sundry bills of books,	250.52
By salary of agent,	28.49
By balance in hands of A. P. Willcox,	5.93
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	\$465.03

Statement of Men furnished by Town of Fairhaven
for the War.

Three Years' Volunteers.

1st Regiment Massachusetts Volunteers.

Henry Morton,	John Murry,
Timothy Fox,	Edward Emons,
George Wood,	Daniel Sheridan,
Cornelius Graley,	William A. Fox.
Thomas Wood,	

18th Regiment Massachusetts Volunteers.

Benjamin Sampson,	Ebenezer R. Tripp,
Charles H. Austin,	Alexander J. Brown,
Ezekiel Cekiell,	William Driscoll,
John P. Sears,	Ebenezer B. Hathaway,
George R. Wixon,	Amos Rogers, Jr.,
Benjamin W. Kempton,	John Flynn,
Leonard Luther,	Jared R. Lake,
Joseph S. Caswell,	Phineas Peckham, Jr.,
Michael Nolan,	

10th Regiment Massachusetts Volunteers.

John Brown,	Emurphy Murphy,
Peter Brown,	Edward Stannett,
George Stevens,	Henry Hill,
Edward J. Hurley,	William Smith,
Charles Smith,	

20th Regiment Massachusetts Volunteers.

Charles F. Jenney,	Charles Thompson,
John Warren,	Charles A. Bates,
John Waldeck,	Louis Schmidt.

23d Regiment Massachusetts Volunteers — Elishup P. Allen.

28th Regiment Massachusetts Volunteers — Amos Tripp.

29th Regiment Massachusetts Volunteers.

Charles J. Hall,	Joshua Grimes,
John I. Sherwood,	John M. Thompson.
Michael Harrington,	

38th Regiment Massachusetts Volunteers.

Bartholomew Aiken,	William A. Tripp.
Thomas Nye,	

40th Regiment Massachusetts Volunteers — John A. Fitch.

4th Massachusetts Battery — Henry C. Steele.

5th Massachusetts Battery.

Andrew W. Almy,	Albin Hayden,
William Carsley, Jr.,	George F. Manchester,
William H. Dunham,	Edward W. West.

15th Massachusetts Battery.

Robert Decker,	Henry Stevens,
John O. Neil,	James Reed,
Arthur Saunders,	Henry White,
James Jackson,	Ebenezer W. Chase,
Benjamin Jones,	John Conly.

Reed's Mounted Rifle Rangers.

Jonathan E. Cowin,	Franklin L. Hull,
Ebenezer V. Hitch,	Henry Pope.

1st Massachusetts Cavalry — Joseph Tripp.

3d Rhode Island Regiment — William A. Manchester.

109th Penn. Regiment — Frank Waldron.

99th New York Regiment — Josiah P. Hamlin.

Commissary Department Army of Potomac — E. Delevan Allen.

Nine Months' Volunteers.

Company I, 3d Regiment Massachusetts Volunteers.

Barnabas Ewer, Jr.,	Charles W. Gelett,
Jabez M. Lyle,	Charles H. Gifford.
William F. Allen,	Frederick H. Hitch,
Martin Bowen,	Samuel M. Marvel,
Thomas H. Bowen,	William B. Purrington,
Charles G. Braley,	George F. Rogers,
George B. Braley,	Roland Smith,
George P. Briggs,	Francis H. Stoddard,
Benjamin Burt,	Nelson, J. Sweet,
William F. Caswell,	Loring P. Taber
Elisha Copeland,	Horace P. Tripp,
Reuben Corson,	James F. Tripp,
James V. Cox,	Jesse A. Warner,
Henry P. Crowell,	Andrew Westgate,
Thomas C. Crowell,	Stephen Westgate,
Edward F. Damon,	Joshua H. Wilkie,
Alden Davis,	Albert M. Willcox,
Edward H. Dillingham,	Lemuel C. Wood, Jr.
George Dunham,	Thomas M. Wrightington,
John P. Freeborn,	Zebdial S. Sampson,
Albert D. Gelett,	Benjamin T. Baker,

Co. G, 3d Regiment Mass. Volunteers — William A. Haskins.

Co. E, 3d Regiment Mass. Volunteers — John A. Hawes.

Navy.

William C. Nye,
John W. Babbitt,
Elisha B. Bumpus,
William B. Bumpus,
George H. Copeland,
Jabez Chandler,
Joseph Ellis,
Reuben H. Fitch,
Henry W. Fitch,

Ansel S. Hitch,
James R. Lawrence, Jr.,
Albert Shaw,
Thomas Shaw,
Eli Sherman,
Francis Snell, Jr.,
Frederick M. Taber,
William A. West,
Oscar F. Wixon,

RECAPITULATION.

Enlisted in army for three years	78	
Enlisted in army for 9 months,	44	122
Enlisted in navy,		18

Total number of men furnished by town,		140
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Respectfully submitted,

BARTHOLOMEW TABER, }
JONATHAN COWEN, } *Selectmen.*

We, the undersigned, have examined the foregoing accounts and believe them to be correct.

JOB C. TRIPP, }
FREDERICK TABER, } *Committee on Accounts.*

R E P O R T

OF THE

SCHOOL COMMITTEE

OF THE

Town of Fairhaven,

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REPORT OF THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

To the Inhabitants of the Town of Fairhaven :

In accordance with the requirements of the General Statutes, we come before you to-day with our Report of the condition of the schools in the town, as it has appeared to us during the year now closed.

However much our own minds have been occupied with their interests, or however desirous we may be that parents and all others concerned in their welfare may be led to see and feel what we have seen and felt in respect to their present condition, we have little hope that any statements or suggestions we may make will command any more attention or awaken a more special interest in these matters, than those that have hitherto been presented, it may be, by wiser and more earnest men, yet we do ask for it a reading, for the sake of the interests considered, however homely the form in which they may be uttered. Could we be assured they would produce in the mind of a single parent, a larger and better thought of his responsibility in all that concerns the present and future condition of his child, and give him to see, it may be but dimly, the relation which the well conducted school holds to its future prospects, in all that makes life to that child useful and good, we shall feel it is labor not altogether lost, but something more than a formal compliance with Statute laws.

We avoid referring to the schools or teachers specifically or personally ; as such a course is often provocative of envy or jealousy and sometimes both, defeating thereby the ends we aim at ; but prefer to follow our predecessors for some years past, in speaking of them generally, as to the good or bad that may pertain to them, knowing that all who will

read may be able to judge of, and apply what is applicable to each.

The condition of the schools throughout the town, compares favorably with those of many years past; some of them have certainly made great progress, not so much from any new measures or appliances hitherto untried and now introduced by the present board, but in a degree to those changes made by the good judgment of those immediately preceding us, near the close of their official duties, by which some of these schools have been better governed, the average attendance largely increased, the pleasure and interest of the pupils in their studies so marked, that success, both on the part of teachers and pupils followed, as a matter of course. From such teachers and scholars, and parents living within such districts, complaints to the Committee have been among the rarities of the year.

In respect to some of the schools, and we are glad their number is so small, we cannot speak so approvingly. To such schools the Committee have felt themselves under more pressing obligations to watch carefully for the causes and influences that seemed to them combining to produce results not altogether satisfactory. They were careful in their approval of teachers selected by the Prudential Committees. They observed their modes of teaching—they looked closely to the qualities of mind or temper as exhibited in their government. They endeavored to find out whether or not they brought *heart* as well as *head* to the discharge of their duties, and yet they failed to perceive there was any thing wanting, on their part, beyond what is common to teachers generally, whereby these schools should be prevented from making an upward progress.

It has been a matter of deep concern to us, whenever from any cause we have discovered in any district a want of harmony among parents in respect to teachers. We have often seen such want to be a fruitful source of many of the evils from which some of our schools have suffered and are now suffering. We have seen in such schools, on the

part of many of the pupils, but little punctuality in attendance — long periods of absence altogether — a frequency in requests to be dismissed before the time of closing — a listlessness and indifference to study — a disregard of and disrespect towards their teachers and their necessary and wholesome requirements which have made some of these schools but little better, in respect to some who attend them, than so many gatherings of boys and girls for so many hours in each day for any purpose but that for which they were intended.

To meet such a state of things we have carefully sought for the best remedies; not altogether overlooking the causes out of which these delinquences have appeared to us to have sprung, and which in our judgment have more or less modified their wrongfulness. We have suggested to both parents and scholars the best counsels of which we were capable, and have required of teachers, that while they should be mild in the enforcement of obligation, they should be equally unyielding in their purpose to subject the offender to their proper authority, and when failing in all this, we have been obliged in a few cases to separate the leading transgressors from the schools.

In consequence of the late division of the town, it became necessary to re-number the school districts therein, and the Committee under the vote of the town at its last annual meeting have done so as follows:

District No. 10, known as the Royal Hathaway, to be called	No. 1.
District No. 11, known as the Oxford Village, to be called	No. 2.
District No. 19, known as the Pease District, to be called	No. 3.
District No. 12 & 13, known as the Fairhaven Village, to be called	No. 4.
District No. 15, known as the Naskatucket, to be called	No. 5.
District No. 16, known as the New Boston, to be called	No. 6.
District No. 14, known as the Sconticut Neck, to be called	No. 7.
District No. 17, known as the West Island, to be called	No. 8.

From the very small number of children on West Island, the Committee recommend that the district be abolished and included in district No. 7.

At the commencement of the year the Committee found it necessary, from the greatly diminished amount of monies

to be expended, to recommend to the Prudential Committees the most rigid economy in their use. We found that the time which the schools had hitherto been kept must be shortened, and to secure for them an average of eight months duration, the compensation of teachers must be greatly reduced. We especially regretted the necessity of shortening the time, so far as it affected the welfare of the village schools; it being well known by those who have thoughtfully considered the matter, that a school, in the villages, of ten months in the year, has no advantage over one in the agricultural districts, of eight months; as what is gained in time on the part of the village schools is lost by the demoralizing effects of long vacations on the habits of children in respect to study and character — there being no employment for children in the villages, so much needed to neutralize what is bad and strengthen what is good in such habits. The children in the more rural districts are happily exempted from an idleness which is sometimes felt by those living in the villages, as a necessity from which there is no escape.

We offer the foregoing as a suggestion only — desiring in the measure of our judgment, to do justice to all.

The whole amount held for school purposes for the past year is as follows:

Unexpended balances,	\$943.50
Received from the State Fund,	114.29
Amount raised by the Town,	3,000.00
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	\$4,057.79

Of which there has been appropriated:

To District No. 1,	\$189.00	
To District No. 2,	189.00	
To District No. 3,	215.00	
To District No. 4,	1,765.00	
To District No. 5,	189.00	
To District No. 6,	189.00	
To District No. 7,	175.00	
To High School,	1,100.00	
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Leaving an unexpended balance of		\$46.79

It will be perceived by the foregoing, that to keep the schools for a period as long as that of last year, it will require a sum equal to that expended the last year — that is to say \$4,000.

We know and feel the heavy burdens that have been left upon the town by reason of a diminished taxable property — increased as these burdens must be, by those still to be added, and which will not probably be entirely removed, until those, for whose benefit these are borne, come to maturity, and assume for themselves their portion of that which has been so uncomplainingly accepted by their fathers; and will they not be better fitted to discharge their part of the obligation by bringing to their work hereafter, an adequate intelligence — an intelligence acquired and properly directed in the schools sustained by such a sacrifice.

We cannot close our report without a word to parents and guardians; not in the form or spirit of official dictation, but as coming from those who partake in a measure of their responsibilities, and in a degree appreciate their hopes and fears respecting their children — and they will allow us to say that from close observation of the workings of the law of influence, as we see it in its effect, we are constrained to infer that by far the largest portion of good found in our schools, their progress and success, is traceable, not so much to good and competent teachers, as to the sentiments and efforts of parents at home. And while we would not detract from much that is docile and obedient on the part of the larger portion of the pupils, so likewise we trace much of the insubordination, the restiveness under authority, the indifference to or dislike of study, the insensibility to what may be their future, to an impression on the mind of such pupils, that all these evils may find, if not a justification, at least a palliation from those whose first duty as parents should be to guard their children from such expectations.

The family is the primary and divinely constituted educator — its gentleness or its harshness, — its wise and constant counsels or its feeble remonstrances — its firm

requirements in what is right, or its weak and vacillating indulgence in wrong are all processes by which the child is fitted to be good and useful or bad and injurious in life. These processes and effects are carried to the schools, the good to be made better, the bad seldom to be reformed.

The teacher cannot take the place of the parent. The first work on the mind of the child must be done by her who gave it birth,—we would that it might always be for good, —it may, from a mistaken view of obligation, be a work of wrong from which there is no recovery. Be solicitous to know to whom the budding and expanding thoughts of your children have been committed. Visit the school-room, watch with a parent's anxiety the work and influence of every hour. See that the teacher is one who employs all his faculties of mind and heart to awaken, bring out and give direction to new thoughts, who is trying to lead your child onward and upward in all that is progressive in mind or good in heart —and then, and not until then, shall we have all our schools, as some already are, places whose whole inner work is a pleasurable attraction, rather than a wearisome and repulsive monotony.

CHAS. DREW,	} <i>School Committee</i>
JOB C. TRIPP,	
JONATHAN COWEN,	

Town of Fairhaven.

FAIRHAVEN, March, 1863.

TABLE I.

SCHOOLS.	Whole number between 5 and 15, May 1st.	SUMMER.					WINTER.				
		Attendance between 5 and 15.	Attendance under 5.	Attendance over 15.	Whole attendance.	Average attendance.	Attendance between 5 and 15.	Attendance under 5.	Attendance over 15.	Whole attendance.	Average Attendance.
District No. 1,	37	38	2		40	27.82	40	1	3	44	31.3
District No. 2,	46	36	4		40	24.	45			45	26.45
District No. 3,	43	36			36	32.	29		1	30	23.
District No. 4,											
Grammar,	368	95	7	102	89.	81	16	9	7	89.	
Centre Intermedial,		37		37	30.81	36			36	30.45	
Centre Primary,		70		70	56.79	48			48	36.19	
South Intermedial,		29		29	24.	28			28	23.	
South Primary,		41	4	45	39.	25	2		27	22.	
North Intermedial,		29		29	19.9	17			17	14.38	
North Primary,		26	6	32	23.52	27	1		28	19.06	
District No. 5,	36	33	2	35	29.	34		7	41	34.93	
District No. 6,	42	29	1	3	33	26.	29		7	36	27.11
District No. 7,	28	21		21	17.7	19		4	23	19.75	
High School,		55	16	71	66.41	34		50	84	78.00	

TABLE II.

Schools.	Terms.	Teachers.	Wages per month.	Length of school.
District No. 1,	Summer, }	E. S. Clifford,	\$18	5
	Winter, }			4½
District No. 2,	Summer,	Martha L. Winslow,	17	5½
	Winter,	Jane G. Allen,	18	3½
District No. 3,	Summer, }	Anna H. Snow,	23	5¾
	Winter, }			2¼
District No. 4,				
Grammar,	Summer, }	Charles E. E. Mosher,	50	2
	Winter, }			6
Assistant,	Summer,			2
	Winter,	Lois Deane,	20	6
Centre Intermedial,	Summer, }	M. A. Fairfield,	20	5½
	Winter, }			2½
Centre Primary,	Summer,			5½
	Winter,	Amanda Clark,	18	2½
Assistant,	Summer, }	Jane Grinnell, ¾ mos.,	14	5½
	Winter, }	Amelia Liscomb,	14	2½
South Intermedial,	Summer, }	Annie A. Grinnell,	19	5½
	Winter, }			2½
South Primary,	Summer, }	Adeline Grinnell ¾ mos.,	18	5½
	Winter, }	Ellen P. Hamblin,	18	2½
North Intermedial,	Summer, }	S. E. Millet,	18	4
	Winter, }			4
North Primary,	Summer,			3¾
	Winter,	Millie S. Eldridge,	14	4¼
District No. 5,	Summer,	Esther Delano,	16	4½
	Winter,	Mr. W. V. West,	30	3½
District No. 6,	Summer,	Asenath P. Taber,	16	4
	Winter,	Sarah E. Grinnell,	25	4
District No. 7,	Summer, }	Kate A. Jenney,	16	4
	Winter, }			4
High School,	Summer,			6½
	Winter,	Albert Hale,	75	3½
Assistant,	Summer,			6½
	Winter,	Miss M. A. Farwell,	35	3½

